

BALL WAS NOT DROWNED.**HE SENDS A LETTER TO SUPER-INTENDENT MACKELLAR.**

It is a Declaration that Ryls, Who Did Not Come from the Puritan, Can Prove an Amiable Charge of Robbing Dr. Drury

Two Letters to Ryls with the Other.

The Brooklyn police authorities have heard from Edward Warren Ball, one of the alleged robbers of Dr. Drury, who escaped from Detective Sergeant Delaney on the Fall River steamer Puritan at Newport on Tuesday night. The information came in an unlocked-for manner, Ball himself directly communicating with Acting Superintendent Mackellar as well as with Samuel B. Ryls, the other suspect, who made no attempt to give Delaney the slip while being escorted from Boston to Brooklyn.

The letters from Ball reached Police Headquarters yesterday morning, addressed "to the care of Delaney," and of course at once dispelled all the speculations as to whether Ball had jumped overboard at Newport. He did not jump overboard from the Puritan, he did not drown, safety, but these chances are that he did have to expose himself to a wetting. Acting Superintendent Mackellar refuses to give the text of Ball's letter to him, but it is known that it is a plea for Ryls.

Ball gives names, dates, and localities to prove that Ryls could not have been at the Newhaven station in Brooklyn on the Saturday afternoon the robbery was committed. He also emphatically denies that he had anything to do with the affair himself, but he appears to have been more interested in building up an alibi for Ryls than would probably have been far different.

Business Troubles.

The affairs of L. & E. Weber, mason builders at 36 Cortlandt street, remain unsettled. Among their recent contracts were the American Tract Society building, the building for the University of the City of New York on Washington square, and the building for the First Presbyterian Church on Eighth street.

Creditors have filed a suit against them for \$2,000, No. 100, before Mr. Goldsmith & Doherty, attorneys for the H. C. Claffin Company, yesterday. They thought the liabilities would amount to \$20,000.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.**New York Stock Exchange—Sales Aug. 15.****UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN \$1,000,000).****Fri. Aug. 15. 118%****CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.****Aug. 15. 118%.****Aug. 15. 118%.**